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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
DAIRI KUBO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MILLER, E.
SERIAL NO: 10/018,856 :
FILED: DECEMBER 26, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3641
FOR: GAS GENERANT COMPOSITION :

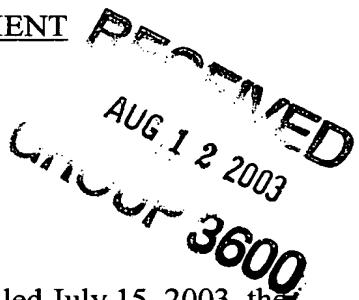
RESPONSE TO LACK OF UNITY REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction/Lack of Unity Requirement mailed July 15, 2003, the Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has indicated that the claims of Group I have been constructively elected by original presentation.

New Claims 36-40 have been withdrawn from further consideration as lacking the same or corresponding special technical features. The Applicants traverse the holding of the lack of unity of Claims 36-40, because each of these claims depends from, or otherwise includes the limitations of, Claim 1 of Group I. Thus, each of these claims incorporates the special technical features of Group I and would not lack unity. In the event that the lack of unity requirement is maintained, the Applicants respectfully request that Claims 36-40 be rejoined to those of Group I upon an indication of allowability for the subject matter of Claim 1, see MPEP 821.04.



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The Applicants now await an action on the merits with respect to the claims of Group

I.

Respectfully submitted,

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